Funds to NGOs for Family Welfare Programme

1144. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide funds to voluntary organisations working for family welfare programme in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the funds allocated;

(c) whether there is any agency to check that these NGOs properly utilise their funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of the organisations found guilty; and

(f) the action taken by Government against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India provides fund to the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working for Family Welfare Programme in Orissa. The details of funds released to NGOs in Orissa during the last three years are given below:

Year	Amount release
1995-96	Rs. 32,07,848/-
1996-97	Rs. 63,41,22/-
1997-98	Rs. 25,53,663/-

(c) and (d) The working of NGOs, funded under the Family Welfare Programme, in the past, used to be evaluated through sample verification surveys conducted by the consultant agencies. During the 9th Five Year Plan period, under the Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) Programme, monitoring and evaluation work of the field level NGOs is being done by the National level NGOs and Mother NGOs.

(e) and (f) Performance of none of the NGOs funded under the Family Welfare Programme, has come to adverse notice of this Ministry.

Ill effects of Cosmetics

1145. SHRI K.R. MALKANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even common cosmetics like talcum powder, perfumas, soaps, nail polish and lip-stick are injurious to health and even risk cancer;

(b) whether Government would take steps to warn consumers of the ill-effect of cosmetics; and

(c) whether Government would steps to curb, and eventually ban the manufacture and sale of all artificial, inorganic cosmetics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Cosmetic manufactured as per standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards are generally safe but may sometime give allergic reactions depending upon the sensitivity of the skin of an individual.

Standards for various Cosmetics are drawn by Bureau of Indian Standards after taking into consideration the safety aspect of chemicals used and the manufacturers are required to ensure the dermatological safety of their formulations before releasing the product to the market for sale.

As per Poison index, Micromedix, Inc Volume 99, there are no reports of carcinegenicity available on use of perfumes, scaps and lipsticks.

(b) Under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 the manufacturer of cosmetics is required to give adequate information where a hazard exists in their use. These include adequate directions for safe use, any warning, caution or special directions required to be observed by a consumer,